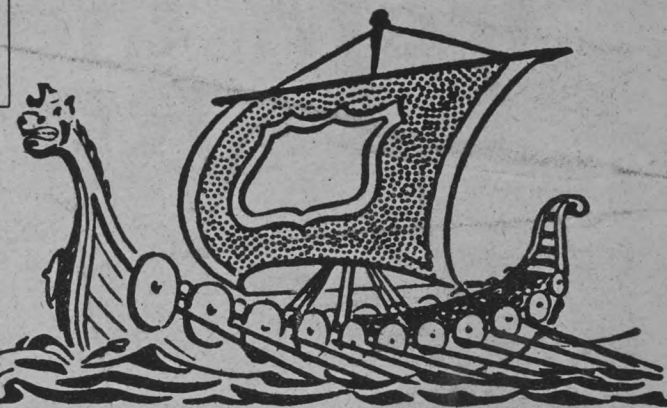


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## QUEEN CONTEST

### SECOND NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CAMP

By D. R. Burt

Over fifty persons attended "Dovre Fjell" Language Camp for District 4 held August 4-11 at Silver Summit north of Edson. Families and members were present from Grande Prairie, Camrose, Castor, Devon and Edmonton. The Lodge with its facilities is nestled in the beautiful Canadian Rockies.

Opportunities offered included field trips, trail rides, shooting, archery, swimming and the trampoline. The camp staff, Paul and Pat Melhus, and their family were most co-operative in all these activities. They should also be given a personal vote of thanks for those Norwegian menus which were something to write home about.

Class included Norwegian baking and under the capable hands of Avis Vigen, showed a decided interest in Norsk pastry. The many and varied crafts instructed by Astrid Hope and Harry Huser were crowded at all times. Mrs. Hope seemed to be everywhere at once helping everyone and answering the many questions. Rosemaling created much interest, while crafts of all kinds were turned out in abundance. Singing, led by Irene Hovde, was assisted by Wally Broen and Harry Huser. Four language classes were instructed by Janette Burt, Bernice Nyhus, Bjarne Myhre and Peter Stolee. These classes clearly showed an interest and willingness to learn the mother tongue, and carry on the Norwegian ethnic culture.

The planning of schedules, programs and outings were all correlated by Bjarne Myhre; while Peter Stolee headed the spiritual services throughout the session.

The persistence in pushing for the camp, the planning and organization must be credited to the Torske Klubben, and they should receive a hearty vote of thanks. The generous contribution by the Carling Community Foundation, which provided the duplicator and projector, as well as some of the supplies, made it much easier for the instruction, and produced the many copies necessary for lessons and programs. We do thank the Carling Foundation for this contribution to our cultural cause.

The provincial government, through the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation, gave generously to the five clubs. This grant was offered to subsidize a portion of the fees, assisted in the many recreational facilities, and provided a vehicle for camp use. These grants took the pressure off the instructors and resource

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### Annual Scandinavian Centre Queen Chosen

By Per Nielsen

Friday, September 20 will be the night when it all will happen. To the best of my knowledge, this will be the first time the Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest will be held in conjunction with a dance.

On the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre the feelings are that we owe the girls in the contest more recognition. I believe this is also the feeling among the Scandinavian groups.

Each Scandinavian ethnic group will supply a girl for the contest and the winner becomes the Scandinavian Centre Queen of the next year. The contest will start on Sun., Sept. 15 with a coffee party at the Scandinavian Centre when the preliminary judging of the girls will take place. For more information regarding the contest phone or contact Margaret Cameron at 455-2064. So come out and meet the candidates.

Then don't forget on the following Friday, Sept. 20

at 8 p.m. in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre the final judging of the girls will take place. They will be judged on their talent. And then the big moment—the crowning of Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen for 1974-75.

Following we shall dance and enjoy the balance of the evening to the music of the Millionaires.

Don't let the girls down! Let's make it a standing-room only occasion and make it a success. AND most of all "a night to remember for the girls".

See the ad on the Bulletin Board at the back of this paper for more details or phone me, Pete Nielsen, at 484-5384, or at home in the evening at 436-4109.

Hope to see you all on Fri., Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre on 125 Ave. and 142 St. □

#### SEPTEMBER 15th By Margaret Cameron Cultural Director

You are all invited to the Queen Contest Coffee Party on SUNDAY, SEPT. 15, in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

The theme and decoration will depict that of a Scandinavian harvest festival. Come and meet the Queen candidates, the judges and your friends, as well as have coffee and dainties. It will be held between 2:00 and 4:30 p.m.

Support your in-going Queen and thank your outgoing Queen by dropping by.

The crowning will take place the following week, on Fri., Sept. 20. □



In June 1973 Donna Cameron, representing the Icelandic peoples, was crowned Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen for 1973-74 by the previous Queen, Janna Geitel.



# SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Anne Sahuri  
CENTRE TROUBLES

The Scandinavian Centre suffered from two sewer back-ups during the summer months which necessitated pumping. The final report has not arrived yet from the city after they checked the sewer systems.

## NEW SHAREHOLDERS

We welcome the newest shareholders to the Centre: Mr. and Mrs. P. Bassett, S. A. Pedersen and D. Stromberg.

## COFFEE PARTY

Watch for an announcement of a coffee party which has been arranged for September 15th as a preliminary judging of the girls for the Queen Contest with the final crowning to be held during the Harvest Dance on September 20th.

## STEERING COMMITTEE

The following committee of volunteers will be meeting on Sept. 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Centre to make recommendations as to the course the Centre should follow: S. A. Sorenson, Inge Andersen, Tage Aaquist, Harold Markstrom, Elmer Kankunen, John Gleerup, Roy Sundby, Mrs. E. Peterson and Tom Nielsen. The results of the meeting should be available for the October issue of the paper.

## RADIO PROGRAM

Remember to phone Allan Sorenson at 452-3387 on any news items to be announced each Saturday during the Scandinavian Hour over CFCW.

## Mayor's Column

By Ivor Dent  
Mayor of Edmonton

A Cultural and Convention Centre, overlooking the Saskatchewan River Valley is another step closer to reality. City Council officially approved the Grierson Hill location as the site for the proposed new centre. This site was earlier approved and recommended to Council by the Legislative Committee.

It is our sincere belief that we shall now have one of the most exciting and forward-looking Cultural and Convention Centres in the whole of Western Canada. Although we are probably two years behind similar projects which will be opening this year in the cities of Winnipeg and Calgary, the Edmonton concept is second to none. In fact it incorporates many features which make it unique.

It will integrate all of the many ethnic cultures and colorful traditions so prominent in the North West area of Canada. It will enable us to provide a fitting home for Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame. And last, but by no means least, it will fulfill a long hoped for need to update and provide modern convention facilities for regional, national and international events. Our trade and convention business has grown to such proportions that we can ill afford to ignore the importance of Edmonton's place as a major convention city in the whole of Western Canada.

This attractive building complex, located on beautifully landscaped and terraced levels overlooking the Saskatchewan River Park

development will, I am sure, add immensely to the aesthetic beauty of Edmonton's down-town business core. It will be a lasting monument to the planners of a modern city centre.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

The first week in September is back to school for thousands of Edmonton children. Some of them will be going to school for the first time in their lives.

Although a great deal of what they will learn during the year will be taught in the class-room, there is one thing that must be taught before they ever reach the school . . . and that's traffic safety.

For children under five or six years of age safety instruction must come from the parents. The first step is to teach young children not to play in the street. The second step is to show them how to cross a street in safety. How to gauge the distance of an on-coming motor vehicle. To be patient and wait until it is safe to step off the sidewalk. And to do so only at intersections or, wherever possible, at marked pedestrian crosswalks.

One of society's greatest challenges today is to reduce traffic accidents. Improved roads and law enforcement alone will not accomplish maximum safety. It also requires the motorists and the pedestrians' whole-hearted co-operation.

The time to begin safety education is at the tender age of the pre-school child. Teach the child right from wrong until it becomes a habit. And then keep on teaching whenever that child

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# SCANDINAVIAN LANGUAGE COURSES AT U OF A

For the coming academic year 1974-75 the University of Alberta will offer the following courses in Scandinavian in its regular program.

## SCANDINAVIAN 100 Elementary Norwegian

Designed to give basic practical skill in every-day spoken and written Norwegian. After successful completion of the course, students should be able to carry on conversations on every-day topics with fluency and accuracy. Also various aspects of the culture of modern Norway are discussed with the aid of slides, films and recordings.

## SCANDINAVIAN 300 Second Year Norwegian

Designed to help students improve their reading, writing and speaking skills in Norwegian. Selected texts in modern Norwegian literature are read, and Norwegian grammar is thoroughly reviewed. There are readings on Scandinavian history and culture in general, and Norwegian in particular, with a view to helping students understand the differences between Scandinavia and Canada. If desired, students with some previous knowledge of Danish will be given additional instruction in that language.

## SCANDINAVIAN 350 Modern Scandinavian Literature In English

A survey of Norwegian, Danish and Swedish literature in English during the 19th and 20th centuries, stressing such authors as Ibsen, Hamsun, Jacobsen, Lagerkvist and Strindberg. Included is some background material on the history of the various Scandinavian literatures with a view to putting the various authors discussed into historical perspective.

## SCANDINAVIAN 380 Modern Scandinavian Literature in the Original

The development of Scandinavian literature in the original (Norwegian, Danish and Swedish) during the late 19th and 20th centuries. Works by such authors as Hamsun, Undset, Munk, Branner and Lagerkvist are discussed, and the attempt is made to introduce students to the analysis of literary genres and movements of the period. Special emphasis is placed on the dramas of August Strind-

berg.

These courses may be taken either as options or toward obtaining a B.A. degree with a concentration in Scandinavian languages. Mrs. Marianne Morse is scheduled to teach Scandinavian 100 and Dr. Christopher Hale, Scandinavian 300, 350 and 380. For further information contact the Department of Germanic Languages in Arts 206, tel. 432-4144 or Dr. Hale, tel. 432-4141.

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# SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By D. R. Burt

Helge and Lillian Nilson travelled east as far as Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, visiting relatives through June and early July. No sooner had they returned when Mr. Nilson's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Nilsson, from Furaahal, Sweden, arrived along with Mrs. Nilsson's brother. They were present for Klondike Days and enjoyed the festivities. They also travelled to Jasper. Prior to completing their three-week stay, they visited friends at Martin, Sask.

Mrs. Matilda Mjaatveit entertained her brother, Ole Aune, and his wife, Alga, of Rognes near Trondheim, Norway. They arrived late in July but were able to take in the Calgary Stampede, then on to Vancouver, Seattle and Victoria—a beautiful trip through the Rockies.

You knew Arne and Mary Gulbrandsen went to Norway last April, but did you know they also went by boat from Oslo to Keil, Germany, and back, then motored to Stockholm to visit before flying to meet relatives at Bergen?

Further visiting, the Gulbrandsens took their eldest grandson, Joseph, on his first jet flight to Victoria during the long July weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Venoasen visited Norway this summer and returned with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Venoasen. They toured Calgary and Banff, then off to visit their nephew, Oscar, and his wife and family.

Doug and Gail Peterson spent the last two weeks of July travelling, camping, hiking and swimming at Calgary, Fort MacLeod and Radium. They returned by way of Banff.

Lois and Ellsworth Halberg spent time at the Calgary Stampede and the World Fair at Spokane. There they met a good number of members of the Centre.

Mrs. Gladys Clark's brother, Mel Quale, of Regina stopped in for several days enroute to the coast. Emeth's nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sorenson, with their two children visited for a week from Fort Simpson.

Warren Clark drove a 40-passenger bus-load of international non-denominational young church members on a two-week crusade to Victoria.

Mrs. Severson visited her son and his wife in Ottawa; also she called in on her daughter.

Del and Doreen Melsness

travelled to Victoria to be present at their son Donald's wedding. Then it is on to the Conference at Banff.

Sig and Selma Sorenson will be at the Conference at Banff, then a whirlwind motor trip to the Spokane World Fair and Vancouver, all in two weeks.

Bob and Janette Burt travelled to Winnipeg to congratulate their son, Larry, on his successful presentation of his Ph.D. in Education from the University of Indiana. He and his wife, Rose, made a detour home to Truro, N.S., by way of Winnipeg where they visited her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sawchuk, and her brother, his wife and family. The Burts certainly did enjoy the Language Camp at Silver Summit, and will be taking in the Banff Conference with Mr. and Mrs. Ole Dahl.

Harry Huser celebrated his 60th birthday at "Dovre Fjell" Language Camp.

The Sons of Norway Picnic and Sports Day was very poorly attended — no races — but there was a rousing game of catch. The lunch following made up for the let-down of the day.

A most colorful Klondike Dance was held in July. The highlight was the visit by Klondike Kate with Lucky Binny. All enjoyed her singing. This little Finnish girl was bubbling with personality, smiles and dimples.

Those present at the Language Camp will be thinking of Kim Melhus and Laurie Marshall Sept. 7., their wedding day.

The Western Barbecue and Dance will be held Sept. 14 in the Viking Room of the Centre. There will be a rush for tickets. You may obtain yours by calling Wally Broen at 466-8461 or office 474-2006 or by calling Peter Hansen at 466-2228.

The Sons of Norway bowling league holds their first meet Sept. 3. All persons interested in joining the league this year may contact Nels Mjaatveit, phone 454-3413.

Members join in the sorrow by the passing away of Johan Jensen, Mrs. Irene Hovde's brother, the end of July at Haugesund, Norway. He had intended visiting Canada in August, but passed away suddenly from a heart attack.

The correspondent for next month's edition will be Mrs. Doreen Melsness. She may be reached with your news items by calling 487-3626. □

If you are going to kill time, try working it to death.

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## LANGUAGE CAMP

personnel and made it more economical for complete families to attend. The family group created an



atmosphere of togetherness, a closer understanding of their culture and heritage.

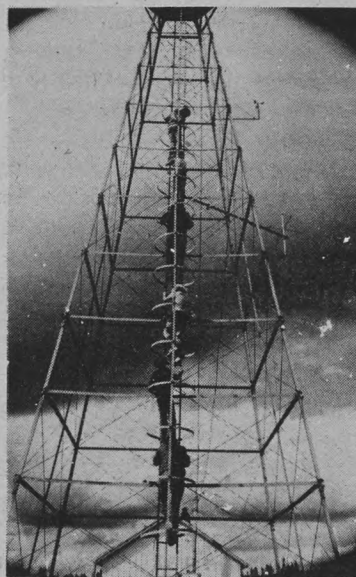
Birthdays were celebrated by Curt Milla, Kim Melhus, Harry Huser and Bob Burt. These were celebrated with cakes and ice cream, cards and parties. Menus of the Norsk "Faar I Kaal" and "Lapskaus" were thoroughly enjoyed. The wide selection at the Saturday evening smorgasbord of fish, ribs, numerous salads and the watermelon basket of fruit goodies, will all be long remembered. The pastries, baked by the girls, included lefse which was eaten as fast as it was made. The flat brød was so tasty, while the rich sandkaker, kringler and fattig-mand bakkelse were delicious and especially enjoyed by the twenty-some guests present that evening. I know, I put on pounds and pounds by weekend. Many thanks to Mrs. Vigen and her faithful assistants who learned the labors of love preparing these delicacies.

All members worked together in language classes, the results were clearly seen by the Saturday program. A great deal of work went into this program which offered a wide variety. There were dances to "Per Spelman" and "Sine Høfner", the "Singing Around the Christmas Tree" by the children, and there was enthusiasm in singing the many Norwegian songs. The skits and plays in Norwegian showed very good results of the learning from classes. Skits of store and restaurant conversation and in school were well put on. Plays including "The Troll" and "Billy Goats Gruff" and the "Seven Fathers in the House" created real enjoyment and fun. The dramatized poem, "Little Red Riding Hood", presented by the instructors, was a topper in thrills and laughs for the children. There was Grandma in (his) nighty (Mr. Vigen) and Red Riding Hood (Mrs. Vigen), Mr. Myhre with the long furry ears and tail of the wolf brought the house down. The big bang by the hunter (Mr. Huser) was a fitting climax to the program.

Guests arrived and were present to hear the program and see the display of the week's activities. The rose-making was very good; the great amount of work that went into painting rocks, the

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Looking on at the Norwegian baking.



Climbing the forestry look-out tower near Silver Summit.

I Jesu navn går vi til bords  
At spise og drikke på dit ord  
Deg Gud tilære oss til gavn  
Så får vi mat i Jesu Namn  
Amen

Fader vår, du som er i himmelen,  
Helliget worde ditt navn,  
Komme ditt rike, skje din vilje, som  
i himmelen så og på jorden.  
gi oss hver dag vårt daglige brød  
og forlat oss våre synder for oss  
forlater hver den som er oss skyldig, og  
led oss ikke inn i fristelse, men frist oss  
fra det onde. Ti riket er ditt og makten  
og æren i evighet. Amen

Grace given each meal led by Mrs. P. Stolee. The Lord's Prayer below.

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# ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Les Greenham

What would we human beings do if we couldn't come up with an excuse now and then? For example, this Newsletter is going to be a short one. Why? Well, our excuse—too many people on holidays visiting Yours Truly and family. Consequently, no time to apply to this column. And to add to the problem, at this moment the Hartford Open Golf Tournament is in progress (being an ardent sports fan). As you all know this breaks the powers of concentration.

Now, who are the visitors we have had? First, it was our niece and nephew from Winnipeg — nephew Colin Stark and his sister, Donna, from Florida. Colin teaches Grade VI in Winnipeg, and Donna is a professor of Ecology at a Bible College in Florida. She is also Dean of Women at this same college. Without exaggeration, we certainly enjoyed their company.

Shortly after this our two godchildren, Tracey and Trevor, arrived along with their parents, Norm and Doris Vigfusson, and another sister and brother, Dean and Sherri. At this moment they are still in Edmonton and being such a popular family, everybody wants their company. Before coming to Edmonton, they had spent about ten days in Manitoba. While there they took in the Islendingadagurinn in Gimli, where they met a host of friends. Believe me, this is one family we'll be sorry to see leave Edmonton for their home in Cheney, Wash.

Also while in the process of this writing our brother-in-law, Dave McCartney, and his family, have arrived in Edmonton from Winnipeg and will be paying us a visit this evening. Dave and his wonderful wife, Lillian, (deceased), have five boys—Kim, Dana, Kurtis, Trevor and Clinton. With Dave on this trip are Kurtis, Trevor and Clinton. Anybody that knows Dave and his boys couldn't help but brag about what a wonderful family they are and we can't wait for them to arrive.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that the Senior Public Administrators from across Canada are holding a Public Administration Conference here in Edmonton on Thur., Sept. 5 and have asked the Saga Singers to help with the program of entertainment.

Apparently most people are on holidays since nobody has been in touch with us, but we have been in touch with Cam and Freda Smith who started their holidays motoring to Prince George, B.C., where they met friends from Fort St. John. The party continued north through the interior of B.C. to the Alaskan border. The fishing was excellent and Cam realized a lifetime ambition—catching a 30-pound salmon. However, after a quick consultation it was decided from the markings this was the "illegal" salmon. So with tears in his eyes (Cam's) he let it go. Later the Rangers said he could have kept it . . . An unnecessary excitement was the constant presence of bears, large and small.

Tenting was the accommodation and all meals, for eight people, were cooked on the camp fire.

This is a beautiful part of our country, complete with very high mountains, water falls, fast-running rivers, clear lakes and deep blue glaciers. Needless to say another trip is already being planned. The trip covered 2,500 miles with only about 300 miles of good gravel.

It gives us great pleasure to insert into our column a reprint from the Edmonton Journal some news of great interest regarding a former member of our choir and also a member of our Icelandic Society. You can be sure everybody wants to congratulate you, Cece. And at the same time we all want to say, "Hi, Jo." Hope you two are really enjoying Newfoundland.

## U OF A-TRAINED STAFF PERFORM OPERATION

A 14-member surgical unit led by a former professor at the University of Alberta medical school

Spectacular mountain and fjord scenery . . . an enchanting, fairytale countryside . . . modern, pace-setting cities . . . sparkling lakes by the thousands . . . the Midnight Sun and exotic arctic wonders—all these scenic attractions, friendly, hospitable Scandinavia combines with good food, first-rate entertainment, and superb shopping at reasonable prices. The result is an unparalleled variety of travel pleasures over a summer season that extends pleasantly from April to October. And language difficulties are practically non-existent, as English is widely spoken throughout the whole of Scandinavia.

Any month of the year can be the "best time" to visit Scandinavia. February and March, for example, are best for winter sports; they are the months of the big international meets. May-June is festival time, celebrated with folk pageantry and music and drama festivals. July-August offer many English-language summer courses and world-famous water sports. September combines summer and fall events, October is arts and crafts month, and December is bright with Yuletide gaiety.

## CLIMATE

The climate of Scandinavia is far milder than one might expect in these northern latitudes. It is, in fact, decidedly "more solar than polar", thanks to the gentle caresses of the Gulf Stream and the long sunlit nights of the summer

has successfully completed Newfoundland's first open-heart surgery operation.

Dr. Cecil Couves, one of Canada's foremost experts on cardio-vascular diseases, performed a four-hour operation on a 61-year-old Seal Cove, Nfld., resident and repaired a defect in the heart of a 14-year-old resident of Pouch Cove, Nfld., the following day.

Dr. Couves performed the operations, assisted by Dr. Gary Cornell, formerly of the University of Alberta, and a team of doctors, nurses and anesthetists specially trained in Alberta while Dr. Couves was still there.

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A miscellaneous shower in honor of Kathy Oddson was held at the home of Mrs. Freda Smith on Wed., Aug. 21.

Tody Halldorson is off on a well-earned holiday. She flew to Winnipeg, to be joined by her sister - in - law, Chrissie Thorsteinson and on to visit relations in Wisconsin and other points in the U.S.A.

Clara Jonsson and Thorey Greenham co-hosted a miscellaneous shower in honor of Darlene Vigfusson on Wed., Aug. 14 with 25 friends and relations in attendance.

# SCANDINAVIA

season—a combination which provides perfect vacation weather from April through October. Even at the height of the warm summer,

temperatures are comfortable because the humidity is low. The winter season is dry, and travelers at that time generally find themselves enjoying brisk, sunny days. Comparative temperatures are shown in the chart below.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES	SCANDINAVIA				UNITED STATES			
	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	E. Coast	Midwest	W. Coast	N. West
	Copenhagen	Helsinki	Oslo	Stockholm	New York	Chicago	San Francisco	Seattle
January	33	23	25	27	30	24	49	41
February	32	23	26	27	31	27	51	43
March	35	28	32	30	38	31	53	46
April	42	39	41	39	47	47	54	51
May	52	48	51	49	60	58	55	57
June	60	58	60	58	69	67	57	61
July	63	63	64	63	74	73	57	66
August	61	59	61	60	73	70	59	65
September	56	53	53	53	66	65	59	60
October	48	45	42	43	55	54	58	54
November	40	37	33	35	44	40	55	47
December	36	27	27	29	34	29	51	43

## SUNLIGHT NIGHTS

From early May until late August Scandinavia's sun brightens the nights and lengthens the days, giving the visitor added pleasurable hours of sightseeing. Thus, an average June day has over 17 hours of daylight in Copenhagen and almost 19 daylight hours in Helsinki, Oslo and Stockholm. Above

the Arctic Circle, where the sun never sets at all during the summer, there is the thrilling spectacle of the Midnight Sun—the whole disk of the sun remains visible throughout the night, glowing in colours that gain in intensity as midnight approaches. Some of the best vantage points are listed in the calendar below.

MIDNIGHT SUN CALENDAR		
The sun's disk is visible 24 hours a day		
at	from	to
Svalbard (Spitsbergen), Norway	April 20	August 24
North Cape, Norway	May 12	August 1
Hammerfest, Norway	May 14	July 30
Tromsø, Norway	May 19	July 26
Pallastunturi, Finland	May 27	July 16
Kilpisjärvi, Finland	May 22	July 22
Utsjoki, Finland	May 18	July 26
Harstad, Norway	May 23	July 22
Björkliden, Sweden	May 26	July 19
Svolvær (Lofoten), Norway	May 26	July 19
Abisko, Sweden	May 31	July 14
Kiruna, Sweden	May 31	July 14
Bodø, Norway	June 1	July 13
Gällivare, Sweden	June 2	July 12

## NORTHERN LIGHTS

A different and winter-only phenomenon are the Northern Lights which drape the night sky of Scandinavia with bright rays of green,

red and blue. They are visible from October to April, particularly in the mountains and the far north.

# Musical Son

Paul Sveen, son of Olaf Sveen, is the drummer on the "Stomping Tom Canada"



PAUL SVEEN

television show, a series scheduled to start Sept. 9 on CBC. There will be 26 programs in all.

Paul is 16 years old, is in Grade XI and also teaches drums.

Making conversation is an art at which nobody is very good.

Ideals are like stars. You will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but choose them as your guides, follow them, and you will reach your destiny.

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Memory is what makes you wonder what you've forgotten to do.

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How do you know you're at the end of your rope? It may be just the beginning.

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To frown, we exercise 87 muscles; to smile, we exercise only 13. Why work overtime?

# September Is Self Improvement Month

September is for evaluating the part of the year that has gone already in terms of what has happened to you and what you've done about it. It's for looking ahead once more to the remaining months, in terms of what you yet can do to make your life more meaningful, better, happier.

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# VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Millie Weiss

The regular meeting was held on Aug. 3 at 7:30 with Leonard Eliasson as chairman. Six new members were initiated.

Following the meeting a dance was held with Helen and Clarence Berg as hostess and host. Thanks, folks, for a real nice evening. Then on Sunday, Herman Neilson, showed films which were enjoyed by all. Thanks also to Herman.

Vera Hyde and Pat Alexander were happily surprised by a visit from cousins whom they had not previously met, when Folke and Gunberg Nilsson of Umea, Sweden, arrived to spend a weekend in Edmonton. They enjoyed visits to the Alberta Game Farm, Fort Edmonton and shopping at the Edmonton Centre. The language was only a minor handicap, thanks to having been enrolled in Mona's Swedish language class for two winters.

## PEN PAL WANTED

Folke and Gunberg Nilsson of Umea, Sweden, have a granddaughter who would like to correspond with a Canadian student. Anyone interested may call Vera Hyde, phone 424-5443, or Pat Alexander, 425-8146.

Bill and Martha Kay recently motored to Kamloops, B.C., to visit Harold, Lulu and Lisa Lundgren.

Lulu, Harold, Lisa Lundgren, John and Mona Cumberbatch, Bent, Violet and Allyson Watson, and Ken and Carol Banks journeyed to Expo '74 in Spokane.

Willard and Evelyn Modin spent a few days in southern Alberta and B.C. They were accompanied by their grandson, Barry Modin.

Magnus and Betty Pearson have had their grandson, Gregg Fredrickson, visiting them on his return from Sweden.

Bengt Kristiansson has had his two sisters visiting him from Sweden.

Paul Nyroos has also been visiting friends and relatives.

Len and Matt Eliasson motored to B.C. for holidays visiting Len's mother in White Rock and Helen Ryley in Kamloops.

## COMING EVENTS

Next meeting will be held at Vasa Park following the Pot Luck Supper. Betty and Magnus Pearson will be the hostess and host. Supper at 5 p.m. sharp. Come and bring something good to eat. Bingo will follow the meeting.

Ladies' Auxiliary will be held at the home of Anna Sund on Sept. 18 at 1:30

p.m., address: Meadowcroft Apartments, 11445 - 135 St., Ste. 1420.

## ATTENTION BOWLERS AND CURLERS

Anyone interested in bowling, phone Shirley Welda at 454-5931 or Shirley Berg, 455-6055 for information.

Curlers phone Glen Eliasson at 454-6357, or Helen McVoy at 476-3934 for information. □

# Sweden Is Yours

## WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO

Whatever kind of holiday you're looking for, Sweden is all yours. Her lakes and forests, her coasts and cities, islands and archipelagoes! Ancient law assures you free access to all of Sweden's lovely scenery. Here you can stray to your heart's content, bathe where and when you will, pick flowers, berries and mushrooms...

Sweden is all yours—because there's so much of her—the fourth largest country in Europe, with only 8 million inhabitants. With all this space to spare, Sweden has plenty over for you. Whatever part of the country you pick for your holiday, no matter how you travel, or what sort of accommodation you prefer, you'll find you've any amount of elbow-room.

Sweden is all yours—eager to please and help the tourist! Almost all Swedes speak some English, and most quite a lot. And many some German and French.

Sweden is all yours for a lively healthy holiday. Swedes are known for their outdoor sporty ways, and the arrangements they've made for themselves have been made for the traveller too. You'll feel a different person when you get home again!

Sweden is all yours—all year round. There's little she can't offer at one season or another. Always in this long country—one of the sunniest countries north of the Alps—the sun is shining somewhere. Far up into the Arctic Circle the summers are hot, humidity low. Autumn and spring are bright and clear, even lovelier than the "high" summer (July) when Swedes all go on holiday. And after the snow has come there's winter sports.

Your Swedish holiday will do wonders for you.

If you're driving, park your car, hire a bike. Explore the real old Sweden from idyllic little winding roads, wander among villages, lakes, fields and woodlands. Detailed suggestions for tours are available in many places.

Her waterways! — the coast of Sweden is longer than Africa's because of all her innumerable islands and inlets. Inland are beautiful old canals, idyllic waterways, a hundred thousand lakes. All larger communities, and most smaller ones, have admirable bathing places, often combined with a good camping site.

Some of Sweden's lakes are as large as inland seas. And her coasts are tideless. So why not hire a boat—rowboat or canoe by the day, or a motor cruiser or sailing yacht by the week? Explore these endless fairways, the myriads of islands with your family. Every 16th Swede owns a boat, so boatclubs, jetties and guest harbours are everywhere.

Or explore Sweden's rivers and lake systems by canoe. You've fifty recommended routes, of varying length and difficulty, to choose from.

In Sweden fishing is every man's sport. One Swede in four is a sporting fisherman. And still there's room for more! Up in the highlands of the north there's fine game fishing, and coarse fishing and angling in the myriads of lakes and idyllic forest pools—all in the most fabulous scenery! Fishing licenses are cheap and easily available.

And golf! Sweden has more than 120 golf courses. And you won't have to queue up to get to the first tee! Clubs and caddies can be hired. Many Swedish golf clubs offer an all-in green fees, double room, demi-pension arrangement.

In the summertime culture moves out into the countryside. Music festivals, folk dancing, open air theatre, country fiddlers' teams, pop music—the lot! And the major cities abound with art exhibitions, opera, "events" of every kind. Just take your pick.

And when at long last the sun goes down and the lights come on, then there are nightclubs, discotheques, bars and restaurants.

So whether you're trying to get the calories down or pack them in, Sweden's the place to do it in! Cuisine can be international or traditional. In either case the gourmet will have memorable experiences. Skål!

And when it comes to keeping your weight down, there's nothing like a sauna bath. Many hotels and motels have their own.

In the far north at Midsummer you can ski in the light of the midnight sun—only a few minutes up in a ski-lift from the flowery

# THE WASA

By Lars-Ake Kvarning

(While visiting Sweden in 1971, one of the most interesting tours in Stockholm included a tour of the ship, Wasa. Here are some interesting facts about the famous, historical ship. — Editor.)

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## HISTORICAL FACTS ON THE WASA

In 1625 Gustavus II Adolphus of Sweden orders the building of the Wasa.

In 1628 on August 10 the Wasa casts off for her maiden voyage, capsizes and sinks in Stockholm harbour.

In 1664 53 of the Wasa's 64 guns are salvaged with the aid of a primitive diving bell.

In 1956 Anders Franzén locates the Wasa.

In 1959, after the navy divers have completed the difficult tunnelling work under the hull, the Neptune Salvaging Co. raises the ship from a depth of almost 110 feet and moves her by 18 stages into shallower water off Kastellholmen.

In 1961 on April 24 the Wasa breaks the surface. She is pumped out and moved

meadows whose flora Linnaeus found the most wonderful in the world. Ski equipment can be hired, of course.

But whatever kind of holiday it is you're looking for, Sweden's all yours to have it in. Here are just a few more: gliding, aviation, parachuting, riding, pony trekking, water skiing, hunting, bird watching, go-cart racing, tennis, squash, bowling, table tennis, ice hockey, chalet holidays by the sea or lake-side.

You're most welcome in Sweden! □

into Beckholmen dock on her own keel. Here she is mounted on a specially-built concrete pontoon and the archeological excavation of her interior begins. She is housed in an aluminum building and in the autumn the entire unit is towed to the newly established Wasa dockyard. The salvaging work is now completed.

In 1962 on Feb. 16 the Wasa dockyard is opened to the public. The preserving process also begins now.

In 1963, in the summer, divers begin salvaging the loose pieces of the seabed where the ship foundered. The "Life on board" exhibition is opened.

In 1964 the Wasa dockyard is incorporated with the National Maritime Museum.

In 1965 a cradle is erected under the hull and the rusted bolts are replaced with new ones. The restoration is begun and an automatic spraying device for preserving the hull is installed.

In 1966 several significant factors relating to the Wasa's original appearance emerge during the restoration work. Six travelling exhibitions on the Wasa are sent to different parts of the world.

In 1967 diving on the site of the catastrophe finally ends with the recovery of a ship's boat which presumably belonged to the Wasa. Altogether 3500 objects have been registered from these operations.

In 1968 the pontoon building is rebuilt so that further restoration work can be carried out on the ship. In April an exhibition is

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# NEWS FROM FINLAND

By Airi Langeste

On July 10 a violent thunderstorm in Mantta and Kuortane areas did quite a bit of damage. It felled telephone poles and also some 20,000 trees, most of them tall pines. The worst damaged area was about 1 kilometer wide and 3-4 kilometers long.

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Finland's oldest citizen, Mrs. Amalia Wallenius, celebrated her 107th birthday on Aug. 6, 1974. Since her 100th birthday she has been confined to bed because of an old leg injury. She spends most of her time listening to the radio and reading.

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The Linnanmaki amusement park in Helsinki honored its 17th-million visitor this summer. Eight-year-old Tarja Irmeli Soisalo from Kirkkonummi was the lucky one. She had arrived at the park with her father. The highlight of her visit came when she was presented with a box of chocolates, flowers and a free pass to the park.

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## MUSIC

### Conductors Galore

Under the headline of "Another Great Conductor", critic Marcus Boldemann of the prestigious Stockholm daily Dagens Nyheter asks the wondering question: "What can it be that continuously produces gifted conductors in Finland?"

The question crops up in connection with the debut of young Kari Tikka as a conductor at the Royal Opera in Stockholm.

Tikka, who is second in command, under Okka Kamu, of the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra, recently appeared as a guest at the Stockholm Opera House conducting Puccini's "Tosca" for the first time in his still rather short career. Right after the very first rehearsal, the 27-year-old Finn was offered a two-year conductorial contract, which he promptly signed.

The opera's manager, Bertil Bokstedt, could hardly contain his jubilation. "Phenomenal!" was his assessment of young Tikka.

Bokstedt confessed that he felt that something extraordinary was taking place immediately after the first few measures had sounded at the rehearsal. "A rare mutual understanding prevailed between conductor and orchestra . . . and the soloists were enthusiastic.

I see in him a combination of Kamu and Segerstam, although Tikka still lacks their experience."

In its four-column rave review, Svenska Dagbladet of Stockholm quoted Mr. Bokstedt as having declared that it was just about unique in opera annals to offer a conductor a contract after the first rehearsal before a single actual performance.

It is reported that Tikka was allowed practically to dictate the terms of his engagement. □

## SAS Chief Predicts Changes

The energy crisis is far from over and airlines, their passengers, their governments and other industries will be feeling its effects for years to come.

So says Knut Hagrup, President of Scandinavian Airlines/SAS who has seen fuel costs rise from 7.5% to almost 20% of his company's total operating costs. He is also Chairman of the Chief Executives' Fuel Committee of the International Air Transport Association.

In remarks prepared for the recent Third International Presidents Conference held in Scandinavia, Mr. Hagrup said:

"There is little hope that these prices will fall back very far; and we shall have to readjust our economical frames before we can take off for future expansion.

"What forms this change will take in other industries is for them to decide," he continued. "But in air transport the day may now be gone when the traveller can assume he will have a whole row of seats to himself, or that there will always be a seat for him at the last minute, or that he can count on getting a non-stop flight from anywhere to anywhere else any hour of the day or day of the week.

"I am certain that for air transport to remain a competitive business, load factors will have to be increased.

"This will have to be done by increasing the number of tourists—singly or in groups—on the scheduled airlines."

Noting that 70% of scheduled international airline passengers are now tourists, as opposed to 50% only a few years ago, Mr.

# JUTLAND DENMARK

Nature has blessed Jutland with no end of variety. There is a striking, and charming, contrast between the gentle estuaries of the east coast and the rougher scenery of the west coast, with its tempting, broad, sandy beaches and warm, sandy hollows and the leafy woods of the east coast and the ozone-drenched conifer plantations of the west.

In between these extremes are stretches of meadow land and winding streams. Green routes cross lush undulating hills, which can give way unexpectedly to the brown expanses of moorland with mile-wide views. Then again come hills, which may next time give way to a chain of lakes. It is fun discovering Jutland, for you never know what lies hidden behind the next bend in the road or beyond the nearest crest of hills.

Towns, townships and villages are spread in pockets, large and small,

Hagrup added:

Many tourists who are flying today on charters will find themselves on the scheduled airlines, at competitive prices and subject to certain conditions as group size, length of vacation period, advance payment and the like.

"Perhaps a number of governments may even come to encourage a certain amount of rationalization as between carriers, rather than punish it as a cardinal sin under anti-trust laws."

Pointing out that the same changes in basic economics will affect other industries dependent on oil and petrochemicals, Mr. Hagrup remarked:

"If nothing more, the energy crisis will have brought many countries to consider and rearrange their social priorities." □

## BOOKS AND ARTICLES

Slayride, by Dick Francis, is a suspense novel set in Norway. An English jockey brought to Norway to race a Norwegian horse is murdered, and the case involves Norwegian business interests and Norwegian winter resorts. Skiing is part of the scenery.

(Published by Harper & Row Publishers, Inc., 10 East 53rd St., New York, N.Y. 10022, 223 pp. Hardcover \$5.95).

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

is in your company, either as a pedestrian or riding with you in a motor vehicle. It is up to you and me, as parents, as pedestrians, as motorists, to prevent the horrors that can be caused by careless or thoughtless acts. Make this week "Back To School Week" and then practice it throughout the entire year. □

across the map of Jutland—some tucked away in valleys, others obstinately climbing a hillside.

Every one of Jutland's towns has its own character, some 'sight' to show. Time often seems to stand still in twisting, narrow streets, though the town otherwise has plenty of vitality. Other places make rather a show of their enterprise, and yet the visitor feels that past, present and future go hand in hand. The Jutlanders are enterprising people, and cannot conceal the fact.

On the coast of Jutland, young and old feel invigorated. You find the angler in quiet contemplation by the stream. The walker tramps by sandy wheel-tracks. The yachtsman sails out from the lagoons and inlets on a stiff breeze. Others lie lazing in a canoe as it glides down-stream.

Here you can relax from the daily rush of life.

If you are fond of history, its picture-book is open before you. It includes every chapter, from ancient burial mounds, through Viking camps, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and the Baroque, to the trenches of recent wars. The Ancient Military Road down through Jutland can still be seen. Country churches and manor houses tell their silent tale.

And Jutland offers you both a welcome and somewhere to stay. Hotels, motels, inns, youth hostels, and camping sites cater for the traveller. All extend to you true Jutland hospitality.

## NORTH JUTLAND

The west coast of Jutland is well known for its broad, white sandy beaches, where thousands of people relax and recuperate every summer.

In the extreme north, where the North Sea and the Skagerrak meet at the tip of Jutland, is the classic little bathing resort and fishing port of Skagen, popularized by a group of painters and poets at the end of the 19th century. Relics of that period may be found in the museum. The town has succeeded in meeting the requirements of modern fishing and tourism without sacrificing any of its charm.

Proceeding down the west coast we come to a succession of excellent bathing beaches—by the shifting dunes of Raabjerg Mile, Kandestederne, Tversted, Hirtshals (with ferry connections to Norway), Skallerup Klit, Lønstrup, and Løkken (the largest resort in the area). From here it is possible to drive along the firm beach to Blokhus. In the vicinity of Fjerritslev, from where it is only a few miles to some interesting bird sanctuaries on the flats by the Limfjord and the North Sea, are Slettestrand and Svinkløv. Farther south come Hansted, Klitmøller, and Agger.

Inside the line of dunes is a beautiful hilly tract,

where there are many reminders of the times when the Vikings assembled their fleets in the Limfjord before raiding foreign shores. Among the hills lies the town of Thisted. The museum and district library with extensive modern decorations are well worth seeing.

Linked to Thy by the Vilsund Bridge is Mors, the largest island in the Limfjord, internationally famous for the delicious Limfjord oysters which are exported from Nykøbing Mors. The island has many interesting geological deposits, including the unusual moler-clay formation of Hanklit and Feggeklit, associated with the legend of the birth of Hamlet. The plantation of Legind Bjerger is one of the most beautiful parts of the island.

Toward the east the Limfjord narrows to the width of a river. Here by this narrow channel are the two delightful towns of Løgstør and Nibe. Near Løgstør are the ruins of the Cistercian abbey of Vistkøl and the Aggersund bridge, leading north. In the beautiful and interesting environs of Nibe are the large dolmen of Troldkirken and the manor of Store Restrup.

Farther east is Aalborg, which has been a commercial centre for centuries. Large merchants' houses and warehouses, the house of Jens Bang (1624), and Aalborg Castle (1539) still dominate the town centre. But there are more recent influences on the city, whose industries (akavit, cement, tobacco) have carried the name of Aalborg far and wide. Aalborg has been rightly called a gay and friendly town. Large parks with sculpture relieve the pattern of houses; and restaurants, theatres, and the Tivoli-Karolinelund pleasure gardens provide healthy entertainment. Other places of interest in Aalborg include the St. Budolfi Church (Botolph); the Monastery of the Holy Ghost (1432); Aalborg Museum of History and Art, the Aalborg Hall (the biggest congress hall in Scandinavia), which houses many international fairs; the Zoo with over 1,500 animals and the 300-foot Aalborg Tower for a fine view.

To the south of Aalborg are the Rebild Hills, where, in the Danish-American national park, American Independence Day, the fourth of July, has been celebrated annually since 1912. Immediately to the south is Rold Forest, the largest forest in Denmark.

North of the Limfjord, linked with Aalborg by bridges is the town of Nørresundby. On this side of the Limfjord is the busy airport and the largest Viking burial ground in

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## DANIA DOINGS

By Lili Nielsen

DANIA will be having its first WHISTDRIVE of the season on Sept. 10. We hope to see all of you who have participated in this event in the past, and also wish to see a lot of our members who have not been coming to this event before. It will be held in the Dania Room at 8:00 p.m. Why not come out and help make a good start of the new winter season?

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There will be a banquet and dance on Oct. 19 in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre. For more information regarding this evening please listen to CFCW on Saturday mornings between 10:30 and 12:00 noon. We shall also have more information regarding this event in the next issue of the paper.

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DANIA is at present trying to find a young Danish girl or a young girl of Danish descent who would be interested in representing Dania in the Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest. Anyone interested, please contact Mr. Per Nielsen at 436-4109 for further details.

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The Danish Consulate in Edmonton is searching for the following two persons and would appreciate anyone knowing their whereabouts to contact the Danish Consulate at 1102, 6425 101 Ave., Edmonton, Alta.:

Mr. Victor Kristian SORENSEN, born Oct. 4, 1915 in Copenhagen. Last known address: 10215 79 St., Edmonton, Alta.

Mrs. Linda Constance FARZANALI, nee Nielsen, born Sept. 30, 1953 at Kolding. □

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### JUTLAND

Denmark, Lindholm Høje. North again is a great expanse of flat land called Store Vildmose. This area was originally a huge bog (mose), but it is now mostly cultivated. In this flat region

is Brønderslev, one of the newest towns in the country.

Soon the landscape gives way to rounded hills, guarded on the western edge by wind-swept Børglum Abbey. On the central slopes is the commercial town of Hjørring. Of special interest here is the church of St. Catharine, dating from the 13th century, as well as the museum.

Frederikshavn, on the east coast, is the gateway from Norway and Sweden. The port is also a leading commercial centre and a deep-sea fishing base. The Powder Magazine, now a museum, is a relic of the former fortifications.

Here on the east coast there are also a number of fine bathing beaches—at Frederikshavn and Sæby, delightfully situated at the mouth of a stream and nearly surrounded by woods; and at Aalbæk, Vorsaa, Asaa, Hov and Hals.

### WEST JUTLAND

West Jutland has a character all its own. The soil is poor and sandy, but marram grass planted in the dunes holds the sand in check and makes cultivation possible.

The fringe of sand-hills provides excellent facilities for bathing and sun-bathing, especially around Bovbjerg, Vedersø Klit (in the parish of the dramatist, wartime patriot, and martyr, Kai Munk), Sondervig, Hvide Sande, Henne and Vejers; as well as on the internationally celebrated island of Fanø, with its interesting fishing villages. Here and along the rest of the west coast amber is washed up, and made into fine ornaments.

Sheltered by Fanø, Esbjerg is Denmark's gateway to the west. There are regular passenger services to and from England, and a large porportion of the agricultural produce is exported from here. Esbjerg is an upstart among Danish towns. It has grown into a city in less than a hundred years, its growth being chiefly due to the North Sea fisheries. No fewer than 500-600 fishing vessels are based at the port.

Behind the range of dunes a number of towns lie sheltered. To the north of Esbjerg is the old market

## NEWS FROM ANSGAR LUTHERAN

By Pastor Holger N. Madsen

According to our calendar summer is now over. Where it went to, and why it goes by so quickly continues to pose a mystery! However, it is now September again, and that means back to the schedule of regular activities in home, school and church.

On Sept. 8 at 11 a.m. our Sunday School at Ansgar begins again. There will be classes for all ages, and we have some exciting new material this year. Therefore we would strongly encourage all parents to bring not send their young people to Sunday School. Remember that when you brought your child to the baptismal font, you promised to instruct him/her in the Christian faith, and this is your opportunity to fulfill this promise. There is still a great deal of truth in the old adage that says, "The family that prays together, stays together." With this in mind we look forward to seeing all of you in full force on Sept. 8—the parents for Service and the kids for Sunday School.

Our confirmation instruction classes will begin on Thur., Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. At this first session, which will be an Orientation Night, we want to have all the parents of the confirmation kids in attendance.

town of Varde. Here are some of the country's largest cattle markets. At Ho, to the west, the only Danish sheep fair takes place in late August. The town has a number of interesting old houses. In the meadow lands a little farther north is Skjern, the youngest town in the country, standing on river richly stocked with fish.

The northern part of the west coast is dominated by three large fjords. The biggest of these takes its name from Ringkjøbing, a pleasant little town which is an admirable starting-point for excursions to the nearly drained Stadil estuary and its teeming bird life.

At the old ford across the Storå river we come to the town of Holstebro, where several industries are

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We ask each mother to bring along a little plate of cookies or something to go with our coffee. The purpose of this first session is to get to know one another, and outline our program of studies, as well as to clarify for everyone what is expected in confirmation class. Therefore if you have a youngster who will be starting into Grade 8 in school this year, or older, then we would ask you to phone the church office, so that we might know how many we should plan for in our class this year. This, too, is an extension of what you began for your child in baptism, don't bypass this opportunity.

Our Ladies' Groups will also be resuming their regular schedules, the Ladies' Aid meets on the first Wednesday of each month. We do encourage all ladies to come and join in either or both of these groups. You'll be glad that you did!

On the last Sunday of the month we have our monthly Evening Fellowship. What is that? Well, it's a time when we get together to sing, to share, to have a cup of coffee, to visit with one another and sometimes to see a movie, slides, etc. But above all, it is a time and an opportunity to get to know one another better. So if you are new to the city, or the city is new, large, cold or strange to you, then we invite you to come and join in the warmth of our fellowship.

This month we shall have as our guest, Pastor Art

Holmes. Pastor Holmes is the executive director of the Edmonton City Centre Churches Corp., an organization that works with various people and their problems in the downtown area. He will be telling us of the activities of his organization as they work with transients, addicts and shoplifters. We hope that many will take this opportunity to become informed as to what is going on around our Church in Edmonton. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. We hope to see many of you there.

The plans for our first Teen Club get-together are still a bit on the indefinite side, however we shall get out some information as soon as we can. One thing we do know and that is that we have three teenagers who were at "Grace '74" in Vancouver (a Lutheran Youth gathering of about 1,000 teens from across Canada) and they have a whole lot of exciting things to tell. So, teens, watch for further announcements coming soon.

And so to all our friends and acquaintances, old and new, we extend a warm and hearty invitation to each to join us at Ansgar in our worship services, as well as in our social activities. If you would like more information of any type, please do not hesitate to call us at either 422-8777 or 467-3492. □

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**JUTLAND**

centred. Farther north is the railway junction of Struer, overlooking the Venø sound. At Oddesund there is a road and railway bridge leading to Thy.

Passing through a hilly district around Toftum we arrive alongside the sandy bay at Lemvig, sheltered by a range of picturesque hills. From here and from Tyborøn at the western entrance to the Limfjord extensive deep-sea fishing is carried on.

Around the western Limfjord, at the beginning of the present century, a group of highly esteemed poets and painters grew up. At Bovbjerg there are collections of paintings by Jens Søndergaard and Bjerre; at Lemvig, memorial rooms for the poet, Thøger Larsen; at Struer, a memorial to the writer, Johannes Buchholtz.

**SOUTH JUTLAND**

Marshland and scattered habitations dominate the landscape in the west, where the islands of Manø and Rømø, the latter a resort joined to the mainland by a causeway, provide shelter from the roughest storms.

Here, in the marshes, stands Ribe, the oldest city in Denmark, and with its medieval aspect a great 'sight'. In former times it was an important commercial and cultural centre, and the atmosphere of those days may still be sensed as one walks about the streets, which have the air of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Among outstanding places of interest are the Cathedral, the Blackfriars Abbey, the church of St. Catharine, the castle mound with remains of the royal castle, Riberhus, and the many pairs of nesting storks.

Tønder, too, is an old-world town with many interesting buildings. In the Kristkirke is an exceptionally rich collection of wood carvings. The town is chiefly known for its fine lace. In the vicinity is the beautiful border town of Møgeltønder, also there are the ruins of Trøjborg Castle, and the imposing abbey of Løgumkloster.

Southwards through this region the country at first

is flat; but around Gram, Rødding, and Jels, by the Kongeå river, it becomes undulating. The east coast is roughly of the same character as the rest of East Jutland, with inlets and estuaries intersecting the hills.

The northernmost town on the east coast of South Jutland is Kolding, with the castle ruins standing out above it. The castle was originally built in the 13th century, but was destroyed by fire in 1808. It has been partly restored and contains an important museum of cultural history. There are several other interesting buildings in the town. To the south of the hilly shores of the estuary is Skamlingsbanken, the national rallying point when North Slesvig was the distinctive town of Christiansfeld, founded by the Moravian Brethren and famous for its honey cakes.

At Haderslev the principal building is the Cathedral, standing in a commanding position and with a bold but harmonious interior and beautiful Baroque fittings. The town's situation on the shore of Haderslev Dam has been turned to good account by green belts. Noteworthy are the open-air museum and the national memorials in the town cemetery. From Aarøsund there is a ferry service to Assens.

The Slesvig cause under German rule (1864-1920) was centred in the picturesque situated shipping town of Aabenraa, where there are distinctive streets with oriel windows, a good museum, and fine wood carving in the church. By the estuary is a modern power station.

There is a varied stretch of country along the Flensburg Fjord. Here are Graasten Palace, the royal summer residence; the national war memorials at Broager and Dybbøl; and the town of Sønderborg, situated on the fertile island of Als, Sønderborg Castle, dating from the 13th century, contains collections from the Slesvig wars. The town is a busy industrial, commercial, and educational centre. The educational establishments include a modern physical training college. From Mommark there is a ferry connection

with Faaborg, and with Søby on AERø.

**CENTRAL JUTLAND**

Up to about 100 years ago, most of Jutland was covered by endless stretches of moorland. Bravely and with almost superhuman energy the local population waged war on the heather. How successful they were can be gauged from the fact that today only small patches remain. The two biggest are both preserved. They are at Kongenshus, where an imposing national park has been founded in memory of the men who cultivated the heath; and at the beautiful Flyndersø Hjerl Hede, celebrated for its open-air museum of old village buildings. North of these remnants of the great Jutland heath, at the gateway to the rich lands of Salling, lies the town of Skive where there are some particularly interesting frescoes in the church. In the extreme west of the district of Salling stands the well-preserved medieval castle of Spøttrup behind double moats.

South-east of Skive and west of Viborg, at Daugbjerg and Mønsted, ancient limestone quarries have been found—the source of supply for all the medieval building in Jutland.

Viborg, beautifully situated in a district of lakes, is one of the oldest towns in the country. This was the starting-point of the principal road of ancient times down through Jutland, called the Military Road (Hævejen). Remains of it can still be located all the way down to the frontier at Bov. The principal places of interest are the Cathedral with its murals, the Søndre parish church, and some medieval houses.

Immediately to the south of the town are the international students' centre at Hald Jovedgaard, the heather-clad Dollerup Hills, and Kjellerup, on the edge of the now cultivated heath, in the centre of the district made known by the Jutland poet, Blicher.

Silkeborg, where torchlight regattas are held every fourth year, is surrounded by great woods in the centre of the main Jutland lake district. There is a passenger service on the lakes to the magnificent viewpoint of Himmelbjerget by the 100-year-old paddle steamer, Hjejlen.

At Vråds Sande, on the coast between the ravines of luxuriant woodland country and the heath, a striking impression can be gained of the ravages wrought by drift-sand centuries ago. In olden times the peasants of the heath spent their long winter evenings making woollen garments, which were sold by pedlars. This cottage industry formed the foundation of the extensive textile industry which is now centred on Ikast and Herning, where there are about 150 mills. These are an

interesting sight at Herning, where they contrast with the small open-air museum. Several annual fairs are held in the Herning Halls.

**EAST JUTLAND**

Long, deep estuaries cut into the hilly country of East Jutland. On the northernmost of these inlets stand three towns: Hadsund; the charming little town of Mariager with delightful half-timbered houses and an interesting abbey church; and Hobro where the principal attraction is the excavated circular camp of Fyrkat dating from about 1000 A.D.

Randers, with its 13 highways, is a typical commercial centre and small industrial town. Interesting old buildings include the House of the Holy Ghost (Helligaandshuset), the Town Hall, and St. Martin's (Mortens) Church. The town is noted for its salmon, its gloves, and its pretty girls. Between Randers and Aarhus are the handsome country houses of Gammel Estrup (now a manorhouse museum), Clausholm, Rosenholm, and Frijsenborg.

The Djursland district, with the towns of Grenaa and Ebeltoft, is a chapter on its own. Along the shores, especially near Grenaa, which is connected by ferries with Varberg in Sweden and Hundested in Zealand, there are good bathing beaches. Ebeltoft, with its half-timbered houses, its diminutive Town Hall, and the old frigate, Zylland, is a great attraction.

The Jutland capital is Aarhus. Here the past is preserved in the world-famous Old Town and other museums. But that Aarhus is also a city of today and tomorrow is indicated by extensive modern buildings represented in the Town Hall and the University, and by the port's industrial and commercial activity. Many Jutland institutions are centred here. There is a lively theatre, music and restaurant life. In the vicinity of the city are numerous green spaces and parks, woods, and ten miles of bathing beaches. Other places of interest include the Cathedral and the Memorial Park for Danes who fell in the First World War. There are boat connections with Halmstad in Sweden, the pleasant island of Samsø, Kalundborg, Oslo and Copenhagen. There are daily air services from Tirstrup.

The old royal town of Skanderborg lies surrounded by wooded lakes. By one of these, Mossø, are the ruins of the medieval abbey of Øm.

Horsens is another enterprising and commercial town on the east coast. The sights include the Abbey Church, Bygholm Castle, and a number of elegant town houses. There is a boat connection to Falkenberg in Sweden. In the vicinity of

the town are some interesting manors (including Palsgaard) and the bathing beaches of Snaptun and Juelsminde from where there is a ferry connection with Kalundborg.

Vejle, its industries to some extent dominated by textile mills, is beautifully situated at the head of the hilly and wooded Vejle Fjord. In the vicinity, a popular holiday centre, is the preserved wooded valley of Grejsdal. Further inland is Jelling with its celebrated runic stones. The Danish Industries Fair is held annually in August at Fredericia, which was built as a fortified town with dead-straight streets intersecting at right angles and encircled by ramparts. Here there are numerous memorials of the Slesvig-Holstein wars. Not far from the town is Denmark's large-scale bridge, the Little Belt Bridge, built in the 1930s.

**JUTLAND SPECIALTIES**

In Jutland there are ample facilities for sport of every kind.

**Angling:** Cheap fishing licences may be obtained for practically all Jutland streams and lakes. Among the best-known fishing waters are the Varde, Skjern, Storå, Karup, and Guden rivers, and the lakes at Jells, Silkeborg and Skanderborg.

**Canoeing:** A canoeing holiday in Jutland is a great experience. Specially recommended is the journey along the Guden river from Tørring to Randers. Canoes may be hired at many points along the river, and rowing boats on various rivers, streams and lakes.

**Yachting:** In all the inlets and sounds of the east coast, as well as in the Limfjord lagoon, the conditions for yachting are ideal. Vessels for long or short cruises may be hired at Sønderborg.

**Riding:** There are riding clubs in many Jutland towns, where riding lessons may be obtained and horses hired.

**Golf:** This game can also be played in Jutland. There are golf courses at Aalborg, Aarhus, Esbjerg, Kolding, Randers, Ebeltoft and Fanø.

**Tennis:** All Jutland tennis clubs gladly accept guests on their courts, but playing times should be reserved with the local club chairman.

**Rowing:** There are boats for hire at Fredericia, Kolding, Silkeborg, Skive and Sønderborg. Apply: Dansk Forening for Rosport, Vester Voldgade 91, Copenhagen V.

**Flying:** Sports pilots have good facilities for getting about Jutland—there are airfields at Aabenraa, Aalborg, Aarhus, Esbjerg, Fanø, Vesterhavsbåd, Frederikshavn, Herning, Holstebro, Silkeborg, Thisted, Tirstrup, Varde, Vehle and elsewhere. There are pleasure flights and taxi-plane services from most of these places. □

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## Kitchen Corner

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### SPRINKLE BAR

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cup Graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk

Melt butter in 9"x9" pan. Mix the cracker crumbs with butter and spread evenly in pan.

Sprinkle the following ingredients as follows:

Layer of chopped nuts

Layer of chocolate pieces

Layer of coconut

Pour the condensed milk evenly on top of coconut. Bake in moderate oven until lightly browned on top, about 25 minutes.

Cool in pan 15 minutes. Cut into bars.

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These jams have the just-picked fruit flavor. The color also is so natural and fresh looking. It's a treat you shouldn't miss. Try them!

### NO-COOK STRAWBERRY JAM

(Yields about 5 medium glasses)

- 1 3/4 cups prepared fruit (about 1 quart ripe strawberries)
- 4 cups sugar

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 bottle Certo fruit pectin

To prepare the fruit, wash and crush it completely, one layer at a time. Measure the 1 3/4 cups into a large bowl. Add the sugar; mix well. Mix the lemon juice and the Certo well in a small bowl; stir into fruit. Continue stirring 3 minutes. Pour into glasses or freezer containers. Cover at once with a tight lid. Let stand until set—takes up to 24 hours. Store in freezer or for use within 3 weeks in refrigerator.

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### NO-COOK PEACH JAM

(Yields about 9 medium glasses)

- 2 3/4 cups prepared fruit (about 2 1/4 pounds of ripe peaches)
- 6 1/2 cups sugar

- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 bottle Certo fruit pectin

Prepare the fruit. Peel, pit and grind the fully ripened peaches. Measure 2 3/4 cups of the prepared fruit into a large bowl. Add the sugar; mix well. Mix the lemon juice and Certo well in a small bowl; stir into the fruit and continue stirring for 3 minutes. Pour quickly into glasses or

freezer containers. Cover at once with tight lids. Let stand until set—takes up to 24 hours. Store in freezer or for use within 3 weeks in refrigerator.

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### SCANDINAVIAN RECIPE FOR SEPTEMBER KJAEFA

(Meat Loaf)

By Thora Orr

- 3 lbs. beef — rather fat
- 2 lbs. lamb
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. cloves
- 1 large or 2 small onions
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 clove garlic (optional)

Soak the meat overnight in cold water—add 1 tbsp. salt. Boil meat in water to cover with onions and salt until tender. Drain stock off, strain, and add cloves and pepper. Grind meat in coarse meat chopper. Put meat back in stock and boil 15 to 20 minutes, being careful not to burn. Pour into forms or loaf pan and let cool and set.

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### THE WASA

opened at the Wasa dockyard showing the major part of the sculptures and how the restoration work is conducted.

### THE WASA: LOST AND SALVAGED

In 1625 in Europe the 30 Years' War was raging and one of the most prominent figures in the political arena was Sweden's Gustavus II Adolphus who was to transform obscure, impoverished Sweden into one of the great powers of Europe. But meanwhile between Sweden and the Continent there was the Baltic and a powerful fleet was indispensable to the Swedish King and his army.

Thus in this same year, 1625, Gustavus II Adolphus ordered four ships to be built in the Stockholm shipyard; two large and two smaller vessels. In 1625 the keel was laid for the second of the two larger vessels, the Wasa, more or less on the site where Stockholm's Strand Hotel stands today at Balsieholmen. The chief shipwright was Henrik Hybertsson, a Dutchman, a man of great experience.

Large quantities of timber went into the building of a ship of this size. Oak was the principal wood used and in the case of the Wasa most of this came from the island of Angso in Lake Malar and from along the coast of Småland. But it

was not simply a matter of finding large stands of heavy timber; many of the angled timbers and special pieces had to be found growing in just the right shape and these pieces were carefully sought and checked against moulds during the felling. In those days there was no such thing as drawings. Instead one used what was known as a ship's reckoning, which contains a fairly comprehensive digest of facts and figures on the ship's main dimensions and principal construction details. For the rest it was up to the professional skill of the shipwright himself to ensure that the vessel embodied the required form and lines.

Sunday, Aug. 10, 1628, was a beautiful afternoon and just after vespers it was time for the Wasa to leave the quay at Lodgården below the Royal Castle. A multitude of people had assembled along the shore to see this handsome addition to the royal fleet set out on her maiden voyage; she was a magnificent sight with her poop and bow adorned with sculpture gleaming in goldleaf and brilliant colours.

Solicitously the big ship was kedged out past Stadsgården, as yet still in the shelter of the tall cliffs to the south. Four of her sails were set: foresail, foretop, maintop and mizzen. Then out of the shelter the breeze caught the canvas. A powerful gust and she heels, rights herself and heels again hard over to port. The water gushes into the open ports and she sinks swiftly in 110 feet of water "under sail, pennants and all". The report to His Majesty must have been written with a very heavy heart.

This was a major catastrophe. One of the largest naval vessels of the age had gone to the bottom in her own harbour, under peaceful conditions and on her maiden voyage. But who was to blame? In the subsequent legal proceedings efforts were made to get at everyone who was in any way responsible for the building of the Wasa or for her equipment and handling. Yet none of those questioned were prepared to commit themselves and instead the court was faced with a number of very embarrassing disclosures.

It emerged, for example, that Admiral Klas Fleming had made a stability test, the result of which was most alarming: 30 men had been required to run together from one side of the ship to the other and after the third crossing they had to be stopped because the Wasa was rolling so much that there was a risk she might capsize. Nevertheless the Admiral had taken no action; had not even seemed

particularly concerned!

The shipwright, Hybertsson, in his turn asserted that all the measurements had been submitted to the King before the work began and His Majesty had approved these. Moreover to be on the safe side Hybertsson had afterwards increased the beam somewhat. In the end the case was dismissed without anyone being held responsible.

It was a very large ship that had been lost. It is estimated that Wasa's overall length, excluding the bowsprit, was about 200 feet, from keel to poop deck she was 65 feet, from keel to masthead some 170 feet and her maximum beam 38'4". She displaced about 1300 tons.

A brand new ship including 64 bronze guns which alone weighed 71 tons: it is hardly surprising that the question of salvage should have at once arisen. Many were attracted by the prospect and many tried, both from home and abroad, but they met with little success and it was not until the Swede, Albrecht von Treileben, appeared in the early 1660's with his diving bell that anything definite was achieved. This diving bell looked like a bell from a church belfry. The diver stood on a small platform suspended under the rim and the air that was locked into the top of the bell when it was submerged was enough to last the man inside 20-30 minutes. Von Treileben worked on the Wasa project with considerable success in 1663-64 and the following year the sale to Germany is recorded of 43 bronze guns, which must have come from the sunken ship.

This was an astonishing

achievement by von Treileben; an unprecedented diving feat. Descending to a depth of 110 feet is no simple matter even for a modern diver, moreover visibility was poor in the murky harbour waters and it must have been intensely cold without a protective rubber suit. Finally the equipment with which the divers had to work to raise the 24-pounders, one-and-a-half-ton guns that made up Wasa's main armament, was of the most rudimentary type. One more gun was salvaged in 1683, after which she was left to her fate and finally forgotten.

The Baltic is a unique ships' graveyard for one very particular reason: the Terebo Naval, that minute termite that has consumed our wooden wrecks throughout history, dislikes the lack of salt in the Baltic waters and keeps out. It was this very significant factor that first urged the amateur marine archeologist, Anders Franzén, to begin cataloguing the ancient wrecks of the Mare Balticum and it was Professor Nils Ahnlund who gave him the first tip on the Wasa.

The records were anything but consistent in their facts but after a patient and conscientious search of the Stockholm harbour seabed with a grappling iron and a core sampler, Franzén finally located his treasure in August 1956. The mouth of the sampler was filled with a plug of blackened oak, and naval divers were soon able to confirm the presence of the 17th-century warship and it seemed, furthermore, that she was exceedingly well-preserved.

Anders Franzén now aroused nation-wide interest

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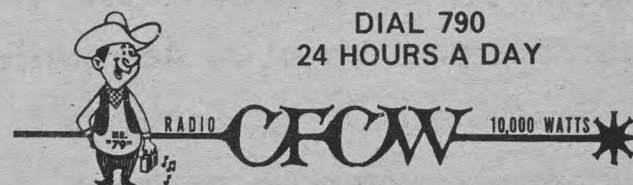
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## THE WASA

in the raising of the 330-year-old warship. All sorts of extraordinary suggestions were put forward for raising the *Wasa*. One was to freeze her into an immense block of ice and then bring this to the surface. Another was to fill the hull with table tennis balls until it rose with their buoyancy. But in the end, needless to say, she was brought up by the Neptune Salvaging Co. using conventional methods.

Led by Chief Diver **Per Edwin Falting** a team of naval divers used compressor units to make half a dozen 60-foot tunnels under the ancient hulk; this in itself was a trying and hazardous undertaking with few parallels in the annals of modern underwater work. At the same time all sorts of fantastic objects were brought to the surface—knights, warriors, mythological figures, sea creatures, grotesque leonine visages. These were details of *Wasa's* sculptured ornamentation which, as the nails rusted, had fallen off and come to rest in the protective embrace of the clay and mud of the harbour bottom. They were blackened now, of course, but traces of gold still glitters here and there as a reminder of the splendour which must once have adorned the ship.

Steel cables were drawn through the six tunnels under the hull and these were attached at each end to pontoons. In August 1959 everything was ready for the first lift and the vital question was, would the ancient timbers stand the strain? The buoyancy tanks of the pontoons were flooded, the slack was taken in on the cables and the buoyancy tanks were emptied again. Gradually and with immense reluctance the mud and clay released its hold on the hulk: *Wasa* was suspended just above the seabed on its steel cabled cradle. The first phase of the salvaging job was successful!

Six feet at a time and in

eighteen stages *Wasa* was moved into more shallower water where the final lift into the open air would take place. Meanwhile the hull had to be made watertight. All the holes from the iron bolts that had rusted away had to be stopped and the more dilapidated parts of the hull, forward and around the poop, had to be planked in.

On April 24, 1961, it was time for the final lift. The hydraulic winches strained and very, very gradually, after 333 years in the deep, the ancient warship emerged before thousands of spectators and press, radio and television people from all over the world.

The first thing now was to get rid of the vast quantity of mud that had collected inside the hull. A group of archeologists began to remove the mud, carefully registering the details of their finds as they did so.

By May 4, *Wasa* had been relieved of her burden to such an extent that the big pumps could keep her more or less empty and she could actually be floated along the last stretch into the Gustavus V dock at Beckholmen. Here the archeologists continued their work of removing mud and retrieving details of the ship buried in it. In November, cleaned out, mounted on a pontoon and housed in a huge aluminum container, *Wasa* was towed to her present site at the *Wasa* Yard and the first stage in the project was over.

The following problems were no less difficult than the ones resolved so far. The question of preserving in its entirety a huge wooden ship had to be considered.

The second major consideration was the task of restoration. Of a total of 24,000 registered finds, 14,000 construction details have to be put back in their proper place on the ship so as to restore her as far as possible to her original state. This is an immense puzzle and yet what has been accomplished since has shown that a thorough

restoration of the ship is possible. A great deal of work had to be devoted to stabilizing the hull by replacing all the disintegrated bolts. In a steel cradle the fallen sides were restored to their original position and some 5,000 new bolts inserted. After this the real rebuilding work could begin. Slowly but surely the hull was reformed: the steep narrow lines of the aftercastle are being restored while the beak-head is extending beyond the blunt, bulging bow. The restoration work has now advanced so far that the complete dimensions of the *Wasa* can be determined.

While this work has been carried out on the hull, divers have been systematically investigating the seabed at the original site of the catastrophe. These operations, which went on every summer between 1963 and 1967, have yielded some 3500 bits and pieces which had dropped off or were torn loose from the *Wasa* while she lay on the bottom. This material includes about 700 sculptures and carved details. The close of the 1967 summer diving season meant the end of this operation and it also meant that everything that could be, had now been retrieved for the restoration work on the ship itself.

The objective of the restoration project is to rebuild and refurnish the *Wasa* with all her original sculptural and carved details in place. Then when the actual preserving work has been completed visitors will be able to go aboard and experience for themselves the strange, unique atmosphere of the old ship. A catastrophe that occurred three-and-a-half centuries ago will have made it possible for us today to enter the portals of an otherwise lost world. □

## Do You Know This Information

I would be interested in hearing from anyone whose ancestors were from the small Sogn villages of Lyster (Luster), Sogndal and Hafslo. I would especially be interested in corresponding with anyone who might have information on the following people who emigrated to America in the 1870s: Jens Larson Barsness and his wife, Gunilde; Nils Christensen Lingjerde and his wife, Britha; Lars Nilssen Fuhr and his wife, Kari; Bottolf Torkelson Talla and his wife, Karren Christine; Nils Larsson Fuhr and his wife, Ingeborg; Christopher Christensen Sandvig; Torger Olson Raaum and his wife,

Ingeborg. These people settled mostly in Buffalo Co., Wis., Goodhue, Fillmore and Houston Counties in Minnesota, and Divide Co., North Dakota.

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In doing research on the Norwegian sailship "Johann", on which my grandparents came from Norway to the U.S. in 1869, I received the following information from the Mariner's Museum, Newport News, Va.: "The Johann was formerly the American ship 'Leonidas' built in 1843 at Warren, Maine. She was rigged, 698 tons, 140x32x22. In 1870 she was owned in Skien, Norway, by Stuken and Spies and her captain was Esterud. She disappears from the register in 1877."

What I want to know is if there may be a picture, a drawing, or any kind of replica produced in any Norwegian newspaper or magazine of this ship. My grandparents, Abraham and Kari Ronnerudengen, left Christiania (now Oslo) on this ship on April 15, 1869 and arrived in Quebec, Canada, on or about June 26 the same year, from whence they traveled by train to southern Wisconsin.

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My father, Peter Johnson (Johansen), came to New York from Borkenes, near Harstad, Norway, in the early 1920s, and currently lives in Monticello, N.Y. He had a brother, Leonard Johansen (AKA Leonard Paulsen), born 1898 in Borkenes, and was living in Harstad around 1920, married at the time. Both my father and his brother were brought up by step parents.

Another man, whose last name is believed to be Lee, is the last person known to my father to have contact with his brother. The man was the son of a man who was the sheriff of Borkenes around 1918, who had two sons and two daughters. Lee (?) came to the U.S. in the early 1920s. He was last known to live somewhere in Minnesota about 1930. My father's horse won the Winter Horse Race in Harstad and Lee(?) was to bring my father the prize (silver spoons).

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I am in the process of tracing my family tree which originated in Norway. The districts and the last names of people that I am interested in are as follows: Spring Grove, Minn. — Braaten Broten, Anreson, Augedahl Dahlan, Myhra; Lansing Iowa — Swenson; Mona and St. Ansgar, Iowa — Fossay, Erickson; Oakmount and

Kragness districts near Moorhead, Minn. — Fossay, Danielson; Davenport and Kindred, N.D. — Broten, Swenson.

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I am trying to locate descendants of two brothers of my great-grandfather, Jakob Torgerson Sebby. Elling Torgerson Sebby, born 1849 and Kristian Torgerson Sebby, born 1855 (sometimes spelled Saaby or Sabbe). They were sons of Torger E. Sebby and Aashild Jakobstr. Eidsfjord, Hardanger, Norway in 1869 and settled near Baldwin, Wis. Elling had come over two years earlier. He is buried near the red brick church there. Kristian may have settled in Minnesota.

I would also like to hear from anyone related to Aashild's niece, Brita Jakobsdtr. Røyso, born 1855 who came to the U.S. in 1904. Jakob T. Sebby's wife, Kari Knutsdtr. Garen, had a sister, Anna Knutsdtr. Garen, born 1858 and an uncle, Lars Nilsson Garen, born 1822 who also came to the U.S.

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Shortly after Germany invaded Norway on April 9, 1940, I went to the U.S. Embassy in Oslo. There I met a professor from Texas by the name of Nelson. He was very helpful in processing the necessary papers, so that I could travel to New York.

Later on Professor Nelson visited Little Norway in Toronto. He showed great interest in the boys from Norway and made it a point to chat with many of us. I thanked him for the help he gave in Oslo.

Recently while translating my grandfather's handwritten book about my forefathers, I found that a Professor Nelson from Texas married Sonja Blom a distant relative of mine. Now I am anxious to locate the Nelson-Blom family because of the genealogical information I have. I am anxious to share data going back to 1675.

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I am trying to compile my father's genealogy. The family name is Voie but was spelled Vooje in Norway. They originated from Ostre Moland, Norway. My last complete information deals with my great-great-grandfather, Anders Jensen Vooje, born 14 Nov. 1820 in Ostre Moland, Norway. He married Berte Christendatter Landbo 24 Jan. 1842. He died 1898 Ostre Moland.

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# A History of the West Canada District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## CHAPTER V

## THE SEEDLINGS BEGIN TO GROW

... they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. (Amos 9:14b)

When mention was last made of the Bethany congregation in Dickson, it was concerned with reaching out to the people at Olds. But Dickson was not without its own problems. A church had been built, but apparently it was unfinished inside, nor was it completely paid for. A note from the Minutes of the congregation states that the congregation had borrowed money to help build the church, but that the lender was now in need. So the money was borrowed from someone else so that

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## LANGUAGE CAMP

fancy work, weaving, macrame, belt stitching, all were viewed with wonder. The typical Norwegian "Lille Bygdø", with its "Stabbur" and ladder was done by David Vigen; and the log cabins by Roland (J. R.) Hill, Tina Mikla and Barbara Broen, complete with fence—many hours of work and heartache; the mountains, moss and trees completed the realistic scene. The replica of "Kon Tiki" built by Mark Bourree was excellent, while the driftwood display of tiny cone figures was priceless. All this with the much-improved Norwegian added to a most successful camp.

Memories of the fishing trip, the hike up the ski slope, the field trip to the forest ranger look-out tower (rough roads which only Bjarne could have made in the rain), the trampoline, the many horseback trail rides with Donna Cooper, those trials and tribulations of crafts and language learning—all will be remembered by the campers. Each will have his or her own memories, thoughts and dreams of that week.

In the windup of camp there is always a looking forward to next camp and hashing over better ideas. It was felt that in future camps, more parents should be present and participating. Also that other Scandinavian clubs should handle the camp in alternating sites; various clubs assisting, preparing and accepting responsibilities. A wider interest would offer personal satisfaction, and give a broader understanding of the workings of the District. □

the original lender could be repaid. (1)

After Pastor Magnusson's departure from Dickson in 1914, the position was filled by Pastor H. P. A. Andersen, who stayed until 1921. (2) He was referred to as "Blacksmith Andersen", as this had been his previous vocation. (3) The records do not divulge very much in the way of specific information during Andersen's stay in Dickson. But it is reported that he had a fine team of horses and that he was well liked. (4) He also served the Kevisville congregation as his predecessor had done. (5) Andersen apparently met with a fair amount of success in his efforts at Olds, because it is recorded that this congregation thrived during his ministry. (6)

Following Andersen's departure in 1921, Pastor Christian Sorensen came to Dickson, but he only stayed for one year. (7) After this year in Dickson he returned to Denmark. (8) For the next three years, from 1923-1926, the Dickson parish was vacant. (9) For a few months during 1925 layman Jens Dixon came from Brorson High School in Flaxton, North Dakota. He conducted meetings and visited people in the congregations. (10) During the vacancy at Dickson an occasional service was conducted by Pastor M. G. Christensen, (11) who had come to Calgary in 1923. (12)

In 1926 Pastor N. Bentsen accepted a call to the Dickson-Kevisville parish, (13) but for reasons unknown to this writer, he only stayed until 1928. (14)

Meanwhile in Calgary things were not too bright. By the time Pastor Christensen came to Sharon in 1923

(1) Bethany Lutheran House of Worship History 1911-1961. Unpublished mimeographed brochure gleaned from the congregation's records, p. 2. Hereafter referred to as Bethany.

(2) P. C. Jensen, UELC Synodical historian, letter to H. Madsen, January 26, 1964, p. 2.

(3) P. M. Jorgensen, A History of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1907-1961, Olds, Alberta, unpublished brochure, p. 3.

(4) Ibid.

(5) Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 2.

(6) Jorgensen, op. cit., p. 3.

(7) Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 2.

(8) Yrbk., 1924, pre-con., p. 29. (dt—Danish translation)

(9) Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 1.

(10) Dickson Koloniens Historie, Et Mindeskrift om vore Pionerer. Samlet af en komite. Udgivet af Bethania Lutherske minighed, med henblik paa Koloniens forestaanende Jubilæumfest (Blair, Nebraska: Lutheran Publishing House, 1948), p. 38. Hereafter referred to as Dickson.

(11) Cf. P. C. Jensen, "History of the North Dakota District of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A Brief Account of the First 30 Years (Danish Period)". First chapter in A History of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church 1901-1960, p. 16. Edited by E. H. Nielsen. Hereafter referred to as North Dakota.

(12) Yrbk., 1925, pre-con., p. 32. (dt)

(13) Yrbk., 1923, pre-con. (Synodical President), p. 11. (dt) Cf. Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 2.

(14) Yrbk., 1926, pre-con., p. 30. (dt)

(15) Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 1.

the congregation had been organized just long enough to have generated much dissension and strife. (15) But Christensen was a young man full of energy, so he plunged right into the task. (16) Besides serving Calgary he also preached at Olds, Dickson, Ponoka and Edmonton. And to fill in his spare time he supervised the Dana (Folk) Highschool which was begun in Calgary in 1924. (17) The history of the initial beginnings of this school are unknown to this writer. But at the Synodical Convention in 1925 it was decided to give an annual subsidy of \$500 to the Dana Highschool in Calgary, provided it was operative for at least four months during the year. (18)

In his pre-convention report of 1925 the Synodical president reminds the convention of a request from Calgary for another helper. This assistance was particularly needed in connection with the operation of Dana Highschool and the Youth-home (19) There is little mention made of this Youth-home except in connection with the Highschool. In the absence of further evidence, we must therefore assume that the Youth-home was something along the line of a student residence attached to or closely related to the school.

Apparently the Highschool flourished, because in his 1926 pre-convention report the Synodical president wrote:

Dana Highschool, with Pastor M. G. Christensen as principal, assisted by two other teachers, has been operative for four months during the past winter and has therefore received the promised annual subsidy of \$500. This school has, without a doubt, a great importance for our mission work in Canada, and for this reason it deserves our all-around support in the coming year. (20)

After three years of strenuous work, Pastor Christensen resigned from Sharon in Calgary and accepted a call to the congregation at Harlon, Iowa. (21) But Calgary was not left for very long without a pastor:

On a suggestion from Dr. Carlson, Sharon sent a call to Pastor J.

(15) Fiftieth Anniversary of Sharon Lutheran Church, 1913-1963, Calgary, Alberta (no publisher), p. 2. Hereafter referred to as Sharon.

(16) Jorgensen, op. cit., p. 3.

(17) Yrbk., 1925, pre-con., p. 32. (dt)

(18) Ibid., con., p. 148. (dt)

(19) Ibid., pre-con., p. 13. (dt)

(20) Yrbk., 1926, pre-con., p. 14. (dt)

(21) Ibid., pre-con., p. 30. Cf. Sharon, p. 2.

Knudsen of Brooklyn, N.Y., which was accepted, and in August of 1926 Pastor Knudsen and his family arrived in Calgary. (22)

It appears that besides serving Calgary and Olds, Knudsen also took over his predecessor's role as principal of the Highschool in Calgary. Things seemed to be going fairly well for the school, but in 1926 it experienced some competition. One of its former teachers also started a Youth-home and Highschool in the city. Whether this move was perpetrated out of spite, or because such a school was a lucrative business, we are not in a position to say. But whatever the motive, the move did not help the Church's Highschool. (23) However, despite the opposition the Highschool proved to be a good source from which the Sharon congregation could draw young people, whose vital Christian concern helped the growth of Sharon. (24)

Further north at Olds, Pastor Knudsen found that his predecessor's labors were beginning to bear fruit. The little congregation had now grown to such a number that private homes were no longer adequate to accommodate those who gathered for worship service. The local United Church was rented for \$2 per monthly service. Attendance was quite regular because by now most people had cars, so long distances and inclement weather were no longer a big barrier to those who wished to come. During Knudsen's ministry the first confirmation class was held, although the congregation was not officially organized until 1929. (25)

In Edmonton, mission work among the Danes had been initiated by Pastor Christensen from Calgary in 1923. During this time

(22) Ibid.

(23) Yrbk., 1927, pre-con., p. 10. (dt)

(24) Sharon, p. 3. (Due to the severe financial depression which gripped western Canada in the late thirties, Dana Highschool ceased to operate in the spring of 1934.) Yrbk., 1934, pre-con., p. 71.

(25) Jorgensen, op. cit., p. 4.

services were held once a month in the Norwegian Lutheran Church, now called Central. When Pastor Hansen took over the Edmonton parish in 1924 services were held in St. John's Lutheran (German). How often services were held is difficult to determine, because Pastor Hansen had many other duties. Among these was that of meeting, and trying to place, the many Danish immigrants who were pouring into the West. (26) His parish was extremely widespread. His list of preaching points reads almost like a train schedule, extending from Edmonton, Ponoka, and Homeglen in Alberta to Lloydminster, Borden, and Saskatoon in Saskatchewan. (27) Pastor Hansen left Edmonton in 1927 and returned to Denmark, where he died the following year from a heart attack. (28)

Further south in the midst of the waving wheatfields of the Standard district the church that had been built in 1917 was dedicated on November 25 of the same year. (29) Pastor Jensen, who had been in Standard since 1912, continued his work there, serving simultaneously in Calgary and Carseland, (30) until 1920, (31) when he accepted a call to Moorhead, Iowa. (32) He was followed by Pastor A. Hansen, who came from Sidney, Montana the same year. (33)

In 1922 Standard played host to the first, and the last, North Dakota District convention ever to be held in Canada. (34) This was a sizeable undertaking for a congregation which could only boast 80 confirmed members. (35) But the

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(26) Niels Petersen, History of the Ansgar Danish Lutheran Congregation in Edmonton. Based largely upon congregational records. Unpublished document sent to H. Madsen, January 27, 1964, p. 1.

(27) Yrbk., 1926, stat., p. 185. (dt)

(28) Petersen, op. cit., p. 2.

(29) Yrbk., 1918, pre-con., p. 16. (dt)

(30) Jens Rasmussen, History of the Standard Colony from its Birth (no publisher, 1943), p. 24.

(31) Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 2. Cf. The Story of Our Church, 50th anniversary bulletin of Nazareth Lutheran Church, Standard, Alberta, May 14, 1961. Hereafter referred to as Nazareth.

(32) Yrbk., 1921, pre-con., p. 33. (dt)

(33) Ibid. (dt)

(34) Yrbk., pre-con., p. 27. (dt)

(35) Ibid., stat., p. 131. (dt)

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**DANISH CHURCH**

congregation was growing by leaps and bounds. The statistical records of 1922 show that 28 people had been taken into membership in that year.(36) One reason for this great increase could have been that in the winter of 1921-1922 a school for adults was begun in Standard. It was conducted along similar lines to the folk highschools which were so popular in Denmark.(37) Due to a weak heart, Pastor Anton Hansen left Standard in 1923 and returned to Denmark.(38) (Anton Hansen is not to be confused with A. P. Hansen of Edmonton. Ed. note)

As mentioned in the previous chapter, Pastor Kjølner, the former District president of the North Dakota District, came to Standard in 1924, but in order to retain his American citizenship he returned to the United States in 1928.(39) Despite the large turn-over of pastors the Standard congregation continued to grow. In 1926 it lists a total membership of 180, with a confirmed membership of 101.(40)

Further to the east at Redvers, Saskatchewan, there was a great deal of activity in the early 20's. Although they had only been served on a monthly, or less, basis from Winnipeg for two years, the people organized a congregation in 1923. At the organizational meeting a generous member donated a quarter section of land to the congregation for its church buildings.(41) According to the secretaries' minutes of the following years this gift of land proved to be both a blessing and sometimes otherwise.(42) Also at the organizational meeting it was decided to apply for membership in the UDELIC.(43)

The next year, 1924, Pastor L. C. Larsen from New York accepted a call to Redvers' Dannevirke Lutheran Congregation. The salary was set at \$1000 per annum, with a moving allowance of \$300. The Synod was to share these expenses on an equal basis with the congregation.(44) Both the people and the pastor were certainly stepping out on faith, because judging by the record they had little or nothing materially. An excerpt from the N.D.D. president's report reads as follows:

Pastor Larsen moved to Redvers November 1, 1924. He was

installed by North Dakota president on November 9. At that time Pastor Larsen and family had as yet not secured a house to live in, but were waiting to get a place in town. However, the townplace did not become available, so the congregation constructed a temporary house. It was small, but it was in use a week after it was begun. Certainly it is inadequate, but it is only a temporary arrangement.

The congregation plans to construct a church next year because their present meeting place, a school-house, is not conducive to congregational expansion.

Besides serving Redvers, Pastor Larsen has a preaching place at Ogema, Sask.(45)

In the 1924 statistics Redvers shows 78 members, 47 confirmed.(46) The next year this had grown to 94 members with 70 confirmed.(47) Not only was the membership leaping ahead, but so was the building fund. At a congregational meeting on May 17, 1925, it was revealed that \$1,400 was pledged for the church building. It was moved to begin building immediately, which was just about what happened. After the meeting a picnic was held at the new church site, the stakes were driven to mark the basement, and each member present turned a spadeful of sod.(48) By July the cornerstone had been laid,(49) and on November 29 of the same year the Dannevirke Church was dedicated to the glory of God with the prayer and the hope that they might soon get a much needed parsonage built.(50) The 1926 statistics of Dannevirke show an increase of only two confirmed members.(51) From this it is quite obvious that the activity within this congregation was not from an increase in members, as much as it was from an increase in intensity of interest.

In Winnipeg the wheels were still squeaking. No other congregation in Canada is as often mentioned in the Synodical Yearbooks, from 1920-1927 as is the one in Winnipeg. But this publicity was not too creditable, because their name was constantly being published in the form of pleas for finances to help build a church.

Pastor Damaskov, who had been their pastor since 1919, was kept busy a great deal of the time taking care of the influx of Danish immigrants. In 1925 he was given a call from the Synod to devote his whole time to being immigration past-

or.(52) Two years previously the ground-breaking ceremony for the new church in Winnipeg had been conducted by Bishop Osterfeld, the Primate of the Danish State Church. Pastor V. Beck took a call to the Winnipeg congregation a month after Damaskov's resignation. But it was not until 1927 that the church was finally built.(53) In his 1927 pre-convention report the North Dakota District president writes the following:

Finally a church has been built in Winnipeg. But it is far from being paid for; therefore let us remind our people that a gift towards retiring this debt will be most welcome.(54)

During his pastorate in Winnipeg Pastor Damaskov had also been preaching to a colony of Danes who farmed in and around Ross, Manitoba. This group organized a congregation with 16 members on July 25, 1926, calling it Ostenfeld Lutheran, in memory of Denmark's Primate. A 12-acre plot was purchased for a church site. But for the next few years services continued to be held in the local school house.(55)

Pastor Beck's activities in Winnipeg also extended beyond the borders of that city. He was asked by the Synod to take a trip to Pass Lake, Ontario to investigate the possibilities of establishing a congregation there.(56) In 1924 quite a number of Danish immigrants had been attracted by the Ontario government to settle on the Sibley Peninsula on the north shore of Lake Superior, about 30 miles east of Port Arthur. Because the land was densely forested it was not too attractive, but the price was. A homestead of 160 acres could be had for 50 cents an acre, and when 10% of the acreage was cleared a man could receive clear title.(57) So in the summer of 1926 Pastor Beck conducted his first service amongst the Danes at Pass Lake.(58) In 1927 the Synod appealed to DKU\*\* to send a man from Denmark to work in this new mission. Therefore in November of 1927, just a few months after the West Canada District had come into being, Missionary Ludvigsen took up a homestead in Pass Lake and began to minister to his fellow pioneers and country-

(52) N. Damaskov, A Brief Summary of Pastoral Activities During His Pastorate at the Danish Lutheran Church in Winnipeg. Deposited in the files of Sherwood Park Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, Man. (dt)

(53) V. Beck, A Brief Summary of Pastoral Activities During His Pastorate at the Danish Lutheran Church in Winnipeg. Deposited in the files of Sherwood Park Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, Man. (dt)

(54) Yrbk., 1927, pre-con., pp. 33-34. (dt)

(55) Mrs. Andrea Jorgensen, Ostenfeld Kirkes Historie fra Begyndelsen. Based on the records of the congregation, unpublished document sent to H. Madsen, January 8, 1964, p. 1. Hereafter referred to as Ostenfeld. (dt)

(56) Author unknown, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pass Lake, Ontario. Document sent to H. Madsen from Rev. B. Ayers, Pass Lake, Ont., January 8, 1964, p. 1. Hereafter referred to as Salem. (dt)

(57) Idun Engberg, Dansk Nybyggere i Canada's Skov (København: Edga Larsens Bogtrykkeri, 1950), p. 15. (dt)

(58) Salem, p. 1.

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This, then, is the inheritance which fell to the

West Canada District when it came into being in August of 1927.

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(36) Ibid. (dt)

(37) Rasmussen, op. cit., p. 24.

(38) Ibid., p. 25.

(39) Ibid. Cf. Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 2.

(40) Yrbk., 1927, stat., p. 201. (dt)

(41) Dannevirke Lutheran Church, Redvers, Saskatchewan, congregation minutes, 4 volumes, no page numbers exist. Identification will be by minute date. Hereafter referred to as Redvers.

(42) Ibid. (dt)

\*United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1896-1945.

(43) Ibid. (dt)

(44) Ibid. (dt)

(45) Yrbk., 1925, pre-con, p. 31. (dt)

(46) Ibid., stat., p. 171. (dt)

(47) Yrbk., 1926, stat., p. 196. (dt)

(48) Redvers. (dt)

(49) Ibid. (dt)

(50) Yrbk., 1926, pre-con., p. 30. (dt)

(51) Yrbk., 1927, stat., p. 203. (dt)